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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on January 14, 2002.

Election/Restriction - Claims

Applicants affirm the election made December, 28, 2001, to prosecute claims 1-19.

Please cancel claims 20-23 without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute cancelled claims in the future in a divisional or continuation application.

Drawings

Fig. 1 has been objected to as lacking a legend designating the figure as Prior Art. A proposed drawing correction to Figure 1 is submitted with this response under separate cover.